

VILLA PERSONALLY TO LEAD ATTACK

Important Documents Sent From Matamoras in Anticipation of Big Battle.

Customhouse and national documents at Matamoras, Mexico, have been sent to Brownsville, Tex., in anticipation of a battle between the Carranza and Villa forces, which is expected to begin not later than tomorrow.

General Carranza, in a report today from Vera Cruz, said fighting continued between Carranza and Villa forces at Eban, outside Tampico, and that some oil tanks in that vicinity had been damaged.

Matamoras agents a few days ago reported defeat of Villa forces at Eban, and reports in Tampico to the same effect were received today at the State Department.

A telegram from Brownsville, Tex., to the Villa agency here last night announced that the main body of Villa troops advancing to attack Matamoras reached Matamoras, five miles from Matamoras, late yesterday.

Private dispatches from the border reaching Washington said that the Villa forces were in command of the force about to attack Matamoras.

Advances to the Villa forces from the Carranza side were reported today by the Carranza minister, Roque Gonzalez Garza, head of the government in Mexico City, promised private property immunity for the killing of John B. McManus, an American, murdered March 11 by Zapata troops.

FEAR SHELLS ON U. S. BORDER.

Mexicans Told to Avoid Fire at Matamoras, Endangering Americans.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., March 27.—Owing to grave apprehension that shrapnel shells will fall in Brownsville in the battle expected at Matamoras, opposite here, Col. A. P. Blockson, commanding United States lower border cavalry patrol at this place, today sent word to both forces to avoid firing in any manner to endanger American lives and property.

BANDITS LOOT 2 BANKS

Oklahoma Gang Gets \$5,000, But Is Pursued and Surrounded by Posse.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., March 27.—The two banks at Stroud, Okla., about fifty miles north of here, are reported to have been looted by a gang of about eleven men. It is reported here that the robbers rode into Stroud at 10 o'clock this morning, left their horses at the stockpens, and, after robbing the First National bank, were shot by a fifteen-year-old boy, Paul Curry, and captured. Identification of the man is not positive.

TOLD TO EXPLAIN DEALS.

Public Utilities Commission Serves Notice on Local Corporations.

Notice was served by the public utilities commission today on a number of local public service corporations to explain within ten days certain stock transactions made last year, which are believed to have been a violation of the public utility act. The transactions referred to relate to the transfer of stock in cases in which the approval of the public utilities commission had been previously acquired.

In a letter to the Washington Railway and Electric Company the commission points out that this concern sold \$151,000 of its consolidated mortgage 4 per cent bonds previously held in treasury, acquired \$20,000 of the City and Suburban Railway, \$500 of the Georgetown and Tenleytown Railway Company and \$100,000 of the Washington and Rockville Railway Company.

These transactions are made without the authorization of the commission, and it is also claimed that the Potomac Electric Power Company sold \$112,000 of its consolidated mortgage 5 per cent bonds previously issued and held in the treasury, and the Washington Railway and Electric Company issued receiver's certificates to the amount of \$2,500 without obtaining the authorization of the commission as required by law.

DEFEAT FOR CONSERVATIVES.

Indications That Anti-Militarists in Japan Lose at Election.

TOKYO, March 27, 10:15 a.m.—Further returns from the general elections held March 24 to choose a new house of representatives give increased indications that the right-wing, or conservative, party was defeated. In the last district the conservatives were in the majority and were opposed to the military program of the cabinet.

The election everywhere is regarded by officials as having important consequences to the future of the government, and the results of the election will be the granting of the constitution.

NEW BATTLESHIP SINKS BARGE

Argentine's Morena Grounds After Collision, Floats and Sails Later.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—The new Argentine battleship Morena, which sailed from here yesterday for Hampton roads, collided last night with a barge off New Castle, Del., thirty miles down the Delaware river from this city. The barge was sunk, and the Morena went ashore, where she remained until 3:30 a.m. today, when she floated. The Morena proceeded down Delaware bay apparently unhurt, and passed out to sea at 12:15 p.m.

Daughter Gets Estate.

The will of J. Orville Johnson, dated January 15, 1912, has been offered for probate. His entire estate is devised to his daughter, Mrs. Ella M. Casey. She is also named as executrix.

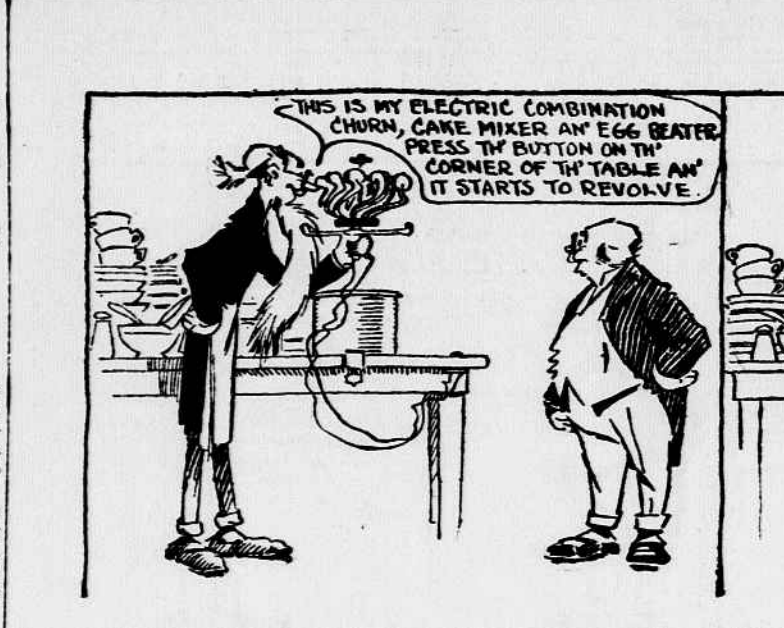
NEW PUBLICATIONS.

CONTINUOUS EXCITEMENT

THE HUSTLING MYSTERY-DETECTIVE NOVEL BY NATALIE S. LINCOLN

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FIELDER MAY NAME GARRISON FOR BENCH

New Jersey Governor Considers Secretary of War for Chief Justice, Is Report.

Politicians generally, and New Jersey people especially, are greatly interested in a report coming from New Jersey that Gov. Fielder of that state is likely to name Secretary Lindley M. Garrison of the War Department as chief justice of the supreme court of New Jersey, succeeding Chief Justice Gummere. It is declared that Gov. Fielder is known to have Secretary Garrison, his personal friend, under consideration, and he hesitates about making the appointment because of a fear that he may be criticised for making the supreme court too one-sided politically. It has been urged upon the governor, though, that Secretary Garrison is too big and fair a man for objection to make to his politics.

Chief Justice Gummere's term does not expire until November 16, but the appointment is likely to be made within a short time, or at least an announcement of the purpose to name either the chief justice to succeed himself or some one else.

Think Garrison Will Not Accept.

Men close to Gov. Fielder and Secretary Garrison do not believe that Secretary Garrison will retire from the cabinet to go upon the New Jersey bench, simply because he wishes to serve his full four years with President Wilson. Other friends, however, say that the President would make no objection to Mr. Garrison going back to the New Jersey supreme court, upon which he has served as vice chancellor when chosen to be Secretary of War. Mr. Garrison went upon that bench as chief justice of the state supreme court. The work of the court was congenial to him, and in Jersey the twelve-thousand-dollar salary would go further than in Washington on the same salary.

New Jersey men fully informed as to most things there today expressed the belief, as already indicated, that Mr. Garrison will not leave Washington, and that Gov. Fielder will again name Chief Justice Gummere to succeed himself.

Secretary Garrison has been talked of as a candidate for the United States senate in the primaries next year, and Gov. Fielder is believed to have suggested that Mr. Garrison should have indicated that he has no wish to be in the Senate.

SPEAKING IN ENGLISH

OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Tribute to Deceased Jurist by Members of Bar of U. S. Supreme Court.

Tribute to the memory and services of the late Associate Justice Horace H. Lurton of the Supreme Court of the United States was rendered by the members of the bar of that court at a meeting held in the courtroom at noon today.

Former President William H. Taft presided over the meeting, which was attended by a large number of members of the bar, while many friends and several members of the family of the deceased jurist occupied seats in the room. James D. Maher, clerk of the court, acted as secretary.

On motion of Solicitor General Davis of the United States Supreme Court, a committee on resolutions was appointed, consisting of J. M. Dickinson, chairman, Tennessee; Judson Harmon, Ohio; Edmund F. Traub, Kentucky; John J. Vertrees, Tennessee; Edgar H. Farrar, Louisiana; Lynde S. Gregory, Illinois; Francis L. Lynde, New York; Henry W. Anderson, Virginia; Lawrence Maxwell, Ohio; William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky; Charles T. Cates, Jr., Tennessee; John W. Yerkes, District of Columbia; Otto Kirchner, Michigan; Frank B. Hall, Minnesota; and F. W. Lehmann, Missouri.

"No act of mine in the presidency gave me more pleasure than nominating him to be a justice of the Supreme Court," said Mr. Taft.

Others who spoke at the meeting were former Attorney General J. M. Dickinson of Tennessee, Edmund F. Traub of Kentucky, Henry W. Anderson of Virginia, William Marshall Bullitt of Kentucky, Otto Kirchner of Michigan, Frank B. Hall of Minnesota, and F. W. Lehmann of Missouri.

John W. Yerkes of Kentucky, who was also present, was confined to his home by illness.

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